

Upton Cultural Council Meeting Minutes for December 14, 2020

Attendance: Kelly McElreath, Town Clerk and Assistant to the Town Manager, Megan Ronzio, Sandy Leacu, Shelley Ryan, Lyn Haggerty, Jenn Conrad, JoAnn Fitts and Robin Jokela.

Meeting Location: meeting held Remotely via OpenMeeting.

Meeting Began: 7:00pm

Megan opened the meeting by welcoming our newest member, Robin Jokela. Robin introduced herself and then we each introduced ourselves to her.

- I. All members in attendance were sworn in by Kelly McElreath, the Town Clerk for the 2021 year.
- II. Megan read the Disclosure from Gov. Baker dated March 12, 2020 regarding open meetings.
- III. Accepted tonight's meeting Agenda. **Motion 1:** Megan made a motion to accept tonight's agenda, motion seconded by Shelley, council member voted unanimously in favor by roll call.
- IV. Reviewed and accepted meeting Minutes from August, 2020. **Motion 2:** Shelley made a motion to accept the minutes with correction of typos on last page. Lynn seconded the motion, council members voted unanimously in favor by roll call.
- V. Reviewed attached Mass Cultural Council Directives for 2021 Grants applications. A question was made regarding "ticket subsidy program." This is in regards to a grant application seeking a portion of event tickets to be paid for by grant so a group of people could attend the event without hardship.

Shelley stated that we have always followed the MCC guidelines for grant applications.

Motion 3: Shelley made a motion to accept the current guidelines for 2021 grant application that recognizes restrictions due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Jenn seconded the motion. All council member voted unanimously in favor of motion by roll call.

- VI. Scheduled date to meet to review and vote on grant applications. Needs to occur prior to Feb. 13, 2021 deadline. To date we have received only 10 grant applications, deadline for submission is midnight tonight. Date Scheduled for: **Jan. 26, 2021 at 7pm.** Megan will send out the link to the grants and delegate what grants each of us will investigate.
- VII. **Update on Coaster sale/Heritage day:** We made \$170 from sales of Upton Coasters to date. Megan has made more to sell and will post it on facebook. Joann recommends that we also sell large wine glasses with "Entering Upton" etched on them as they were very popular in the past.
- VIII. **New Business:** Lyn attended an o line meeting with Central, MA regarding accessibility. They sent her a survey which she need input from our committee to fill out. She will email the survey to the council members.

IX. Megan announced that Joann Fitts is stepping down from our committee and thanked her for her dedication to the council for the past several years.

JoAnn reminded us that the UCC Instagram account was run by her, so someone will need to take that over.

Meeting adjourned: 7:30pm